



Commercial Underground Storage Tanks Standard

PERMIT PROCESS FOR REMOVAL OR ABANDONMENT OF RESIDENTIAL UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Article 5707 of the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code (IFC) requires the removal of all underground residential heating oil tanks that are no longer being used. When the Fire Marshal determines that removal is not necessary, abandonment in place is allowed. This shall be done as per IFC 5704.2.13.1.4.

REMOVAL

- A permit shall be obtained from City of Lynnwood Development & Business Services.
- All flammable or combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank.
- The tank shall be rinsed and the residue pumped out and disposed of in an approved manner.
- To request or review and inspection please visit [HTTPS://DBS.LYNNWOOD.GOV](https://DBS.LYNNWOOD.GOV) An inspection shall be requested 24 hours in advance and shall be made stating the time that the tank will actually be removed from the ground.
- Tanks shall be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations.
- All appropriate paperwork, including pump-and-rinse certificates, City permit, etc., shall be provided to the field Fire Inspector upon inspection.
- Tank disposal paperwork may be required by the Fire Marshal and shall be provided upon request.

ABANDONMENT

- A permit shall be obtained from City of Lynnwood Development & Business Services.
- All flammable or combustible liquids shall be removed from the tank
- The tank shall be rinsed and the residue pumped out and disposed of in an approved manner.
- All piping and vent lines shall be removed or capped.
- To request or review an inspection please visit [HTTPS://DBS.LYNNWOOD.GOV](https://DBS.LYNNWOOD.GOV) An inspection shall be requested 24 hours in advance and shall be made stating the time that the tank will actually be filled.
- The tank shall be filled in one of the following three ways:
 1. Concrete slurry or an approved foam material will be pumped into the tank.
 2. The tank shall be cut open and filled with sand.
 3. Any method approved by the Fire Marshal.



- All appropriate paperwork, including pump-and-rinse certificates, City permit, etc., shall be provided to the field Fire Inspector upon inspection.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A completed Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plan. (SPCC Plan) can be obtained online at <http://www.lynnwoodwa.gov>.

A Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plan may be required if you will be using heavy equipment to remove a tank. Please verify with our Environmental, Surface Water, and Storm Water Department at 425-670-5200.